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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 291958025US6 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit 09/998,142-Conf. #5405 October 30, 2001 K. Mayekar 1753 Applicant(s): Woodruff et al. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING THE SURFACE OF A Invention: MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Number Remaining Number Previously Extra Claims After Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 21 33 х 0.00 Independent 2 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) 420.00 Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within second month 420.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x | Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 50-0665 X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: August 19, 2004 Paul T. Parker Attorney Reg. No.: 38,264 PERKINS COIE LLP P.O. Box 1247 Seattle, Washington 98111-1247 (206) 359-8000 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV336674055US,

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING THE SURFACE OF A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

EXAMINER: KISHOR MAYEKAR

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.